## **ABSTRACT**

An imaging apparatus includes an exposure period setup part for generating a timing signal, an image pick up device control part for controlling an operation of image pick up device, a timing part for measuring an elapsed time from the exposure period timing signal, and an imaging apparatus control part for controlling the image pick up device control part and the exposure period setup part. The timing part measures the elapsed time from the exposure period timing signal right after a release operation to the beginning of exposure setup operation by the exposure period setup part, and if a time from the measured elapsed time to the generation of the calculated next exposure period timing signal is equal or greater than a predetermined time, the imaging apparatus control part shortens the time till the generation of the next exposure period timing signal from a regular exposure period.